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**Brinkley ReUse Centre Opens** 

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Everything old is new again at Brinkley ReUse Centre where volunteers are breathing new life into the age old art of recycling.

Council is revitalising the old Salvage and Save facility and capitalising on the upcycling potential provided by the site, after previous operators closed the doors in May.

Manager City Assets Malcolm Downie said the project would divert material otherwise destined for landfill, creating benefits for the environment and the community.

"This project is a great way to act locally and help globally, by minimising the negative impact waste and the human footprint can have on the natural world," he said.

"You can support ReUse by donating unwanted items that might otherwise end up in landfill and save yourself money at the same time."

Mr Downie said one person's trash was another person's treasure and there were plenty of discoveries to be made in the eclectic collection of furniture and electrical, white goods, garden equipment, building materials, bric-a-brac, retro items and collectables.

"Donation is easy as the ReUse facility sits right next door to the dump (Brinkley Waste and Recycling Facility) so residents can drop useful items off on the way through, lightening their load and reducing dump fees," he said.

"Free pick up is available for quality items."

Environmental volunteers have a new base at the back of the centre where plants are propagated and cared for in a nursery until ready for transfer to parks, gardens and other public spaces.

Mr Downie said projects like this were made possible through the support of volunteers.

A community barbecue to celebrate the opening, and welcome people who might like to volunteer with Council's environmental program will be held from 1pm Friday 5 July 2019 at the site.

Join staff and volunteers for a tour of the site beforehand at 12.30pm. The facility is located at 527 Brinkley Road - for opening hours and more information phone 8531 0391 or visit <a href="http://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/brinkleyreuse">http://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/brinkleyreuse</a>